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Dear NNIS Primary Contact:

As you know, major changes have occurred in the healthcare workplace, including increased nursing work loads. Like you, we are concerned about how these changes have impacted patient and health care worker safety.

The data you have systematically collected for the NNIS system may make your hospital eligible to participate in an exciting new study investigating these important issues. We are looking for 200 NNIS hospitals; we really hope you will enroll!

This national study, entitled "Outcomes of ICU Working Conditions," is funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and supported by the CDC.

If your hospital is enrolled, we will ask you to provide us with existing data collected in your hospital. Most of these data are available through electronic queries of various data sets; we expect a minimal time commitment from any one person.

*Please contact us to learn more about the benefits of this study and how to get involved.*

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